

DISTRICT SEVEN CRIME & SAFETY MEETING

March 15, 2010
ALBRIGHT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5555 W. Capitol Drive
6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: Captain Jessup called the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Captain Jessup introduced **Tom Lifvendahl, a resident of Sherman Park**, who announced he is working with the police department to improve customer service at station. Dr. Lifvendahl used a power point presentation to show what changes he made in the lobby to make it customer-friendly.

I. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Captain Jessup introduced **Ofc. Lisa Saffold**, who will be assisting Ofc. Shellee Lubus as a Community Liaison Officer. Captain Jessup acknowledged that Ofc. Lubus was already working 14 hour days with frequent evening meetings. Ofc. Saffold spoke about some of the projects she was working on at this time.

Captain Jessup also introduced **Nicole Sheldon, our new ADA** on the Community Prosecution Team from District Seven. Nicole announced a plan to provide some education to the residents about the court process in Milwaukee County. She has put together a series of presentations to take place at the next four or five Crime & Safety Meetings. Ofc. Lubus and the police department will lead off at the April meeting to talk about crime, arrest, and the process leading up to referral to the DA. The purpose of these presentations is the assist the community in learning how they can get involved in the process.

II. **CRIME UPDATE—Captain Jessup**

In general, crime is down in most areas.

BURGLARIES—Creeping up again—seven garages were broken into in the 3400 block between 50th and 51 Blvd. Based on an outside witness, police made an arrest. Suspect has been arrested more than 83 times for a variety of crimes. The Burglary Initiative continues.

III. **GUEST PRESENTATIONS:**

A. **DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES Art Dahlberg**

Clean-ups: Now that the snow has melted, the “litter lasagna” is evident everywhere. It takes all of us to work together to keep our city clean. The Department of Public Works has begun sweeping the streets this month.

“Keep Milwaukee Beautiful” is available to give assistance. Call 286-CITY for **Vacant/abandoned Buildings—**All must be registered. 1400 inspections so far to determine who is responsible for vacant buildings. All empty properties need to be secured. If need be the city will board it up and bill the owner.

Building Inspections-- DNS inspects 200,000 properties a year to address litter and disrepair. Turn around time is 7 days for building code violations; 5 days for trash and debris.

E-NOTIFY—Residents can sign up for e-notify to view reports of calls for service and property violations in their neighborhood. You can see the name of the inspector and get the phone number to give additional information.

Technology Improvements are being made to allow citizens to email pictures to DNS and other city departments.

Areas of Concern—8701 W. Congress, 85th and Lawrence (for the last three years) 51st and Congress (especially terrible)

Monthly inspections by DNS---*Who is the Inspector for the property?*

You can find out on the DNS website, by looking up the address and clicking on the Violations column.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **BLOCK WATCH CAPTAINS' RECOGNITION**—**Maureen Doyle, Representative to the City-Wide Block Watch Council** announced a plan by the District Seven Block Watch Council and the police to host a Recognition Brunch on Saturday, April 24th at Capitol West Academy for all Block Watch Captains and their families. The event is scheduled for 10:00AM. Please save the date.

Captain Jessup wants to get more block watches in action.

Maureen encouraged attending the "Meet & Greet" Meetings that are hosted periodically around the District. The purpose is for Block Captains and residents to come together to get to know neighbors and other Block Watch groups to share concerns and ideas for solutions.

B. **Awards from the Exchange Club of Milwaukee.** Every year the Exchange Club honors individuals and groups who have contributed to crime prevention in the city. This year two individuals from District Seven were honored.

Steve O'Connell won for his contacts with the Electricians Union and the Police Department on lighting up the area with his "Lights on for Safety" Initiative.

Jim Jonoozi was honored as the "Block Watch of the Year"

C. **COURT WATCH**—Steve O'Connell gave an up-date about our connection with the Court system. Steve facilitated a tour of the courts for the City-Wide Block Watch Council (made up of a representative for each of the seven police districts in the city.) in April. Steve is working on setting a date for others to also visit the courts and meet the judges.

D. **PROSECUTION PROCESS**---**ADA Sheldon** announced an educational forum to familiarize the citizens of the workings of the prosecution of crime. She is offering a series of four presentations to be done at the next four Crime & Safety Meetings. ADA Sheldon and officers from District Seven will inform us of the process from investigation to arrest and prosecution of individuals who are arrested in our community. (**John Chisholm, Milwaukee County District Attorney** will attend our next meeting to introduce the program.)

April – Law Enforcement: From the Crime to Charges

Ofc. Shellee Lubus and the police will cover reported crime, investigation, arrest, and referral to the District Attorney.

May - The Prosecution: The Charging Decision

ADA Nicole Sheldon will discuss the Charging Conference. She will cover what is needed/considered in charging an individual, Victim/Witness rights, Police Role, Prosecutor Accountability and Discretion.

June –The Court System: A Case From Start to Finish

ADA Nicole Sheldon will cover the Initial appearance, Preliminary Hearing (Felonies only), Legal Motions, Plea Hearing, Jury trial, Sentencing Hearing, Competency Proceedings

July – The Importance of Community Involvement

Community and Crime Prevention
Community & Assisting Police (Reporting, Witness/Victim)
Community & Prosecution—Charging Decision,
Community's Support of Victims, Community Voice,
Case Up-dates,
Court Watch Program—Attendance/Community Impact Statements.

We encourage you to attend all four sessions for a very comprehensive understanding of all that goes into keeping our community safe.

- V. **NEW CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR: Viola Jordan** is running for county supervisor of District 2. She was born, raised and educated in Milwaukee. She retired from the U.S. Army after 20 yrs. of service.
- VI. **EARTH CARE RESOURCE FAIR**—Blessed Trinity Parish at 4700 N. 39th Street on April 17, 2010 from Noon to 3PM. Using resources to save money and the Earth. Electricians, plumbers from Home Depot will answer questions. WE Energies will tell us how to save money and energy in our house. Green cleaning using household materials. Lots of good things for kids and adults. Rain barrels and gardening tips.

ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, April 19, 2010
Grace United Church of Christ
4920 N. Sherman Blvd.
6:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

**BLOCK CAPTAINS'
RECOGNITION BRUNCH**

Saturday, April 24, 2010
Capitol West Academy
3939 N. 88th Street
10:00AM